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ELECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 24, 2002, Applicants elect the species defined by the Examiner as "S" relating to Claims 1-13 and figures 37-41, canceling claims 14-49 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to pursue claims for the remaining inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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